



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

BLOOM *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/227,742

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For: **Method for Increasing Viability  
and Transformation Efficiency of  
Bacteria During Storage at Low  
Temperatures**

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### Supplemental Reply

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Advisory Action dated **August 10, 2002**, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 28), Applicants submit the following Supplemental Reply. This Supplemental Reply is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Therefore, the finality of the Office Action dated February 28, 2002 should be withdrawn and the arguments presented herein should be considered. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(d).

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.